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COMING EVENTS

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| March 24 | NCCC Membership Meeting CWA Hall, Hayward, 7:30 p.m. |
| March 29-30 | CQ WPX Phone Contest - "KB" |
| April 3 | Board of Directors Meeting Home of K6GSS, 6:30 p.m. |
| April 18, 19, 20 | DX Convention, Visalia |
| April 25 | NCCC Awards Banquet and Election of Officers |

FROM THE PRES

Let's start with events past. Many thanks to Gary, WA6VEF, and Bob, W6RGG, for rallying the troops for the North American Sprints. There is no doubt the NCCC made an impression this year. Unfortunately, that solar storm during the Phone Sprint caused the biggest aurora in my lifetime, and I was working the Sprint rather than 6 and 2 meters. Well, maybe the 40 or 50 of us operating the Sprint won something (at least it was a lot of fun).

On to another contest -- ARRL DX SSB. I operated from KH6MD using the call K6GSS/KH6. Having never worked 1000 Q's in a contest before, operating 20 meter single band was quite an experience. First hour, 200 Q's; second hour, 160 Q's; 750 Q's the first 5-1/2 hours, then the band goes dead. Saturday, 1120 more, Sunday, 371 more. After running up to 200 per hour, Sunday had to be a low point, but it sure was

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fun to work 2241 Q's on one band in one weekend. I want to encourage more of you to try operating a bigger station than your own. There are lots of idle contest stations around, and there is nothing wrong with asking about using one of them.

The March 24 meeting in Hayward is just before the WPX Phone Contest. Since this is the first year for a major club emphasis in WPX, come to the meeting and share in the strategy of how to do well and have fun in CQ WPX.

Also, at the March 24 meeting we will see Phil's 8P6 slides. After all the bad WX here, I'm ready for a trip to paradise (no pun intended).

See you in Hayward on March 24.

73, John

NCCC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 24, 1986

The meeting was held on February 24 at the CWA Hall in Hayward, with 20 members attending. Because both the President and Vice President of the Club were in Hawaii, W6RGG, one of the Directors, acted as the meeting chairman. Each member introduced himself and reported on activity in the Sprint contests and the ARRL CW contest. In spite of sickness, blown power supplies, and storm-damaged antennas, nearly everyone claimed to have had a good time.

As a new member of the Contest Advisory Committee for the ARRL, WA6VEF reported that Field Day activities credit will be given for operation on all bands except 10 MHz. Gary also reported that the July IARU contest has been shortened to 24 hours from 48 hours. Headquarters stations in each country will be additional multipliers. After a pause for the hungry members to order pizzas, Gary introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Icko Suzuki, JI6CUK. Icko, an operator at JALYWX, presented slides showing the large antennas and even larger stations of some of the very loud school club contest stations in Japan. Many of these large antenna systems must be installed on the roofs of the school buildings for each contest and then removed after each contest! The COKE machine amplifier also explained some of the very strong signals from Japan. Thank you, Icko, we all enjoyed your slides very much.

W6OAT reported on the Great Armadillo Run sponsored by the TXDS -- an attempt to activate all 3076 counties in the U.S. to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the state of Texas. Circle your calendars for the weekend of May 3 and 4 for SSB and July 27 and 27 for CW, 20 and 40 meters only. Rusty is looking for several more mobile stations that can

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each cover several counties during those weekends. Please call him and join in the fun. It will also be good practice for our CQP weekend in October.

Plans for the WPX contests coming up March 29-30 for SSB and May 24-25 for CW will be discussed thoroughly at the March meeting. Stations of all sizes will be needed and all should run up good scores in this type of contest.

The next membership meeting will be March 24 at the CWA Hall, 29868 S. Mission Street in Hayward at 7:30 p.m. WA6VEF will discuss the functions of the CAC, WB6FCR will speak about WPX contest plans, W6SZN and others will divulge Clipperton Island expedition plans, and K6ZM may show his Barbados slides if there is any time left.

The April Board of Directors meeting will be at the residence of K6GSS at 10627 N. Stelling Road in Cupertino at 6:30 p.m. on April 3.

WA6AUE turned in \$7 to the treasurer from the sale of soft drinks and beer.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Phil Frazier, Secretary/Treasurer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 6, 1986

The March BOD meeting was held at the home of N6AUV. Those at the meeting were K6GSS, WB6KBZ, K6ZM, WA6AUE, AJ6V, W6RGG. WA6VEF, N6TU, N6AUV and W6SZN were interested guests.

With a bountiful dinner of Italian specialties supplied by N6AUV, the meeting did not start until after 8:00 p.m. As old business, the minutes of the February BOD meeting were approved as printed in the February JUG. W6SZN said he wanted to clean up the mailing list of the JUG and modernize the exchange list. W6RGG moved that Kip be given carte blanche to clean up the list. This was seconded and approved unanimously by the Board. N6TU volunteered to write a technical article each month for the JUG. This was accepted gratefully by the Board.

The 37th Annual Armed Forces Day will take place from May 17, 1300 UTC to May 18, 0245 UTC, 1986. Operation will be from the U.S. Naval Radio Receiving Facility at Skaggs Island using Naval Communications Station NPG. It was voted unanimously to support AF day with K6CSL and N6AUV as

representatives at the coordination meeting to be held 1000, March 22, 1986 at Mare Island.

As new business, W6RGG presented for approval by the Board a list of members who have volunteered to be new officers of the club. Everyone thought the list was an excellent selection but no approval vote was taken. AJ6V moved to publish the names in the March JUG, but this was voted down 3 to 2 as it was thought publishing the list might discourage others from entering nominations. After considerable discussion, W6RGG withdrew his list of volunteers.

WA6VEF warned that our CQP weekend, October 4-5, will be invaded by VE3BMV and his Radiosport Contest. N6AUV talked to Yuri but he will not change the date. One way to combat this invasion would be to get a very large turnout of NCCC members operating in the CQP contest. AJ6V moved we push CQP with lots of early publicity and as many stations as possible operating in the contest. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

More discussion ensued about participation in other contests and club officers not giving out enough information. Another sore point was that no score was sent in for SS contests. The general opinion was that we should send in club entries for all recognized contests as there are always some members interested.

The Board will continue to search for candidates for club officers to present at the April Board of Directors meeting which will be at home of K6GSS on Thursday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Phil Frazier, Secretary/Treasurer

CQ WPX THIS MONTH

The last weekend of this month is contest time for the NCCC as we are mounting a full effort in the CQ WPX Phone and CW contests (CW is the last weekend in May).

The rules are very simple, but the scoring is a headache! Prefixes are the multipliers, and they count only once. So do not worry about Europe on 40 or 80 meters, as the multiplier can only be counted once and there is no credit for countries worked. As for points, contacts within North America count 2 points on 14, 28 and 28 MHz, 4 points on 1.8, 3.5, and 7 MHz. Contacts outside North America are worth 3 points on 14, 21 and 28 MHz, and 6 points on 1.8, 3.5 and 7 MHz. U.S. stations count as zero points, but do count for prefix multipliers, so those with the newer prefixes can really get a pile-up going!

Log sheets will be available at the March meeting at Hayward on March 24, so come and load up. After the contest, send a copy of your summary sheet to the new Vice-President/Contest Chairperson who will be elected at the Awards banquet in April.

73, A1, WB6FCR, VP/CC

THE OASIS "CONSPIRACY"

On Friday, February 7, I presented a Clipperton slide show and talk to PAARA in Palo Alto. Among those in attendance were NCCC members W6SZN, W6OAT, WA6VEF and N6AUV. After the meeting, we all decided to get together at one of the local "watering holes," The Oasis, for refreshments and conversation.

After we got settled in, the conversation turned to contests, contesting, and the Contest Club. As a Board member, I was asked what was happening at the Board meetings lately, and the subject of the Board's annual quest for candidates for club office came up. It was mentioned that although there are many qualified candidates in the club for each office, there has never been a time recently when the Board has found itself blessed with members volunteering to serve.

Each of us had a solution for this continuing problem, with recommendations for the various offices. When asked, however, not one of us could say that we had spoken with the people we were discussing to see if they would indeed serve.

Someone then suggested that I run for President again! I said that I wouldn't mind trying it again, provided that I could be assured of a hard-working staff of fellow officers with whom I knew I could get along and, more importantly, who I knew, if elected, would do the job.

A long discussion ensued, where we all put forth our views on where the Club was headed, where it could be heading, and where we each thought it should be heading. We ended up making commitments to the Club, and to each other: if we could all be elected to office as a slate or team, we would take all of the open offices. I subsequently talked to W7MAP, who indicated his willingness to serve as an officer. The others concurred, and the slate was complete.

We all agreed that if we could not run as a slate, recommended by the Board, we did not want to run individually. We did so because each of us had served one or more times as an officer and director of the club with someone who, though willing to be elected, did not follow through in getting the job done.

I presented our idea to the Board of Directors, and the Board rejected the slate. They said that to accept us as a slate would tend to keep many interested and capable members from volunteering for club office, a result that was not fair to the rest of the membership. They further stated that they had not yet had time to contact these other members, but would bring with them to the next Board meeting a list of members with whom they were going to speak and who they were confident would run for all of the offices to be filled.

Our reason for putting the slate together in the first place was to avoid the repeated problem of finding qualified, willing members to run for club office. Because the Board was confident that the problem could be avoided this year, I withdrew our names from consideration.

That's how it happened. I felt that what happened needed to be printed in the JUG, and I promised the other Board members that I would have something to say in print about the outcome of the NCCC Board of Director's meeting, held March 6, at the home of N6AUV.

73, W6RGG

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1985-86 AWARDS BANQUET AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Friday, April 25, 1986
Dinah's Shack
(Burgandy Room)
4269 El Camino Real
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6:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour, CA\$H Bar

7:30 p.m. Dinah's Smorgasbord

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in sour cream

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beef bourguignonne and mahi mahi "meuniere"

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fresh fruit, pudding, gelatins

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9:00 p.m. Meeting: Awards Presentation/Election of Officers

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